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HB 2375: empowering today's youth special plates. Sponsor: Representative Dunn, LD 13 Committee on Transportation

Overview

Establishes the Empowering Today's Youth Special Plate and Fund.

<u>History</u>

Pursuant to <u>A.R.S. § 28-2351</u>, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is required to provide every vehicle owner one license plate for every vehicle registered upon application and on payment of prescribed fees. In accordance with <u>A.R.S. § 28-2403</u>, special plates may be issued by ADOT in lieu of the regular license plate, upon application. An initial and annual renewal fee of \$25 is required for the special plate in addition to the vehicle registration fees, with outlined exceptions (<u>A.R.S. § 28-2402</u>). Of the \$25 special plate fee, \$8 is an administrative fee and \$17 is an annual donation to a specified organization.

Special plates are established through statutory authority and require a standard \$32,000 implementation fee from an organization.

Provisions

- 1. Directs ADOT to issue an Empowering Today's Youth Special Plate if by December 31, 2021 a person pays \$32,000 for implementation. (Sec. 3)
- 2. Requires the person that provides the \$32,000 to design the special plate, subject to approval by ADOT. (Sec. 3)
- 3. Allows ADOT to combine requests for the special plate and a personalized special plate, in a form prescribed by ADOT and subject to fees for both plates. (Sec. 3)
- 4. Establishes the Empowering Today's Youth Special Plate Fund (Fund), administered by ADOT. (Sec. 3)
- 5. Requires that, of the \$25 fee required to obtain and renew a special plate, \$8 is an administrative fee and \$17 is an annual donation. (Sec. 3)
- 6. Requires that the \$8 administrative fee be deposited into the State Highway Fund and the \$17 annual donation be deposited into the Fund. (Sec. 3)
- 7. Requires that the first \$32,000 in the Fund be reimbursed to the person who paid the implementation fee. (Sec. 3)
- 8. Requires that no more than 10% of the monies annually deposited in the Fund be used to administer the Fund. (Sec. 3)
- 9. States that monies in the Fund are continuously appropriated. (Sec. 3)
- 10. Requires ADOT to annually allocate monies from the Fund, excluding administrative fees, to a non-profit foundation that:

□ Prop 105 (45 votes) □ Prop 108 (40 votes) □ Emergency (40 votes) □ Fiscal Note

- a) Provides financial support for a youth development organization of the land grant university system in Arizona that has the following mission mandates:
 - i. Agriculture;
 - ii. Science, technology, engineering and mathematics;
 - iii. Civic education; and
 - iv. Healthy living.
- b) Was incorporated in 1970 as a nonprofit educational organization by a group of Arizona's agricultural, civic and corporate leaders;
- c) Give today's youth an extra edge for life success through hand-on, research based educational programs and opportunities; and
- d) Serves youths who are five though 18 years of age in all 15 counties in Arizona and in at least five tribal nations. (Sec. 3)
- 11. Requires the State Treasurer, on notice of ADOT, to invest and divest money in the Fund.a) Requires monies earned from investments to be credited to the Fund. (Sec 3)
- 12. Makes technical and conforming changes. (Sec. 1, 2, 4-6)